is the first clarification which I would like to seek. Secondly, I would like to know whether the Government will come forward to withdraw the letter that they sent in 1976, during the President's Rule. If that letter is withdrawn, then, automatically, our fishermen will get back their rights. Sir, unless these two things are done, nothing can save the fishermen of Tamil Nadu. So, I want a categorical statement from the Minister on these two issues. The people of Tamil Nadu are so much agitated. Every month, almost five to ten fishermen are killed and more than ten fishermen are exposed to injuries and their catches are taken away. That is why the Government of India should take immediate action on this. The Government should not say that this aspect is also one among the bilateral issues.

It is a life and death question of the Tamilians and the Indians. Therefore, the Government should take special interest in the matter and give a categorical answer to the questions raised. I want an assurance from the Government that this type of atrocities would not be allowed to happen and that it would protect the Indian fishermen.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): Thank you, Mr. Virumbi. I have received certain requests from the hon. Members who wish to seek clarifications on the statement. I am inclined to permit them. But before I do that, I have to inform the House that we have received certain messages from the Lok Sabha. Now the Secretary-General.

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

(I) The Bihar Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1995

(II) The Bihar Appropriation Bill, 1995.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

(I)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Bihar Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1995, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 30th March, 1995

2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill."

(II)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Bihar Appropriation Bill, 1995, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 30th March, 1995.

2. The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill."

Sir, I lay a copy of each of the Bills on the Table.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): Hon. Members, we have created history by extending the Zero Hour for more than three hours. Let us now create history by passing the four or five Bills before us within 10 minutes.

THE SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND PENSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1995

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MATANG SINH): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1995, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

SHRI MATANG SINH: Sir, I move:

That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

I. THE APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON ACCOUNT) BILL, 1995

II. THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1995

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1995-96, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill seeks two months' supply to enable the Government to carry on, pending detailed conisderation and passing of the Demands for Grants for the full year and the connected Appropriation Bill.

The total amount provided in the Bill is Rs. 69,871.62 crores of which Rs. 46,543.30 crores is charged on the Consolidated Fund of India and the balance of Rs. 23,328.32 crores is voted by the Lok Sabha. Necessary details of the Vote on Account are given in the pamphlet already circulated to the hon. Members.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1994-95, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Sir, the Bill arises out of the Supplementary Appropriations charged on the Consolidated Fund of India and Demands voted by the Lok Sabha on the 30th March, 1995. These involve a gross expenditure of Rs. 9,004.82 crores.

The gross additional requirements comprise Rs. 1,097 crores for additional releases of small savings loans to the State and the Union Territory Governments consequent on increase in the net small saving collections, Rs. 871.90 crores as additional central assistance to the States for financing their Plans, Rs. 1,100 crores for food subsidy, Rs. 924.58 crores for Tier-II capital for six nationalised banks, Rs. 264.49 crores for payment to manufacturers/agencies under the sale of decontrolled phosphatic and pottasic fertilizers with concession to farmers, Rs. 75 crores as additonal subsidy on indigenous fertilizers due to increase in input prices, Rs. 212.10 crores for cash compensatory support, duty drawbacks and I.P.R.S. and Rs. 44.76 crores as non-Plan loans to PSEs to finance cash losses, etc. The details of the Supplementary Demands are given in the document which was laid on the Table of the House on March 20, 1995.

The gross expenditure is matched by savings/recoveries or increased receipts to the extent of Rs. 3,552.67 crores. Thus, the proposals will entail a net cash outgo of Rs. 5,452.15 crores.

The questions were proposed.

5 P.M.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): Any Hon. Member to speak?

I shall now put the motion moved by Shri Manmohan Singh regarding the consideration of the Appropriation (Vote